

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

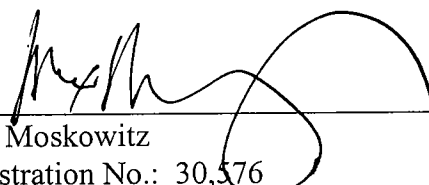
This amendment accompanies an RCE and the corresponding fee, that is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 within two months after a Decision on Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, mailed October 28, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 18, 21-23, 27, 28 have been amended, claims 1, 3, 7, 12, 16-17, 19-20, 24-26 have been canceled and new claims 29 and 30 have been added to define applicant's invention. Applicant submits that the changes to these claims make explicit that which applicants believed to be already implicit. No new matter has been amended. Furthermore, the claims make explicit subject matter which defines over the art and which does not allow the claims to be read as broadly as read in the recent Decision of the Board of Appeals.

Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art does not teach, suggest or disclose the combination of features set forth in the claims, as added and amended. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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